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TO USMISSION IAEA VIENNA  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: US/IAEA/JAPAN COOPERATION ON REPROCESSING PLANT

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(1976); (D) 1976 TOKYO 4672; (E) TOKYO 5798

1. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT IN NEAR FUTURE IAEA WILL NEED  
TO BEGIN DELINEATION OF DETAILS OF FACILITY ATTACHMENT AND  
SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR GOJ'S TOKAI REPRO-  
CESSING PLANT.

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2. MOREOVER, DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF PAST APPROACHES  
MADE BY GOJ TO IAEA AND USG REGARDING POSSIBLE USE OF TOKAI  
REPROCESSING PLANT AS SITE OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS  
DEMONSTRATION AND FACT THAT JFY 1977 (REF (B)) SAFEGUARDS  
AND PHYSICAL SECURITY BUDGET (BEGINNING 4/1/77) INCLUDES  
ALLOCATION OF 333,000 (US DOLS) IN ANTICIPATION OF APPROVAL  
OF GOJ PROPOSAL TO IAEA AND USG FOR USE OF TOKAI REPRO-

CESSING PLANT AS SITE OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS DEMONSTRATION.

3. DURING DECEMBER 1976 VISIT OF JAPANESE OFFICIAL OTSUKA TO WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT TOOK NOTE OF JAPANESE CONCERNS REGARDING DISPOSITION OF SPENT FUEL FROM JAPANESE REACTORS AS WELL AS JAPANESE VIEWS REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE PROTOTYPE REPROCESSING FACILITY AT TOKAI, AND THE IMPORTANCE WHICH GOJ AND JAPANESE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY ATTACH TO ULTIMATE RESOLUTION OF TOKAI SAFEGUARDS ISSUE.

4. DEPARTMENT STRESSED ITS DESIRE FOR COOPERATION WITH JAPANESE TO ARRIVE AT JOINT SOLUTION TO WASTE PROBLEM. IN THIS REGARD, DEPARTMENT WELCOMED JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS TO STUDY PROBLEMS AT BACKEND OF FUEL CYCLE. HOWEVER, AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, DEPARTMENT WAS THEN AND IS STILL ENGAGED IN MAJOR REAPPRAISAL OF US NUCLEAR POLICY, THE IMPORTANCE OF WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERSCORED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. GIVEN ON-GOING NATURE OF THIS APPRAISAL, USG IS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO SPECIFY POLICY DETERMINATIONS REGARDING ITS APPROACH TO REPROCESSING.

5. FOR US MISSION VIENNA: IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO ASSURE AGENCY THAT USG AWARE OF TIME FACTOR INVOLVED IN DEFINING FACILITY ATTACHMENT FOR TOKAI PLANT AND REAFFIRM INTENSE INTEREST OF USG AND DESIRE TO MAKE INPUT TO PROVISIONS OF FACILITY ATTACHMENT. AS RESULT OF POLICY APPRAISAL CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USG UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC INPUT INTO DELINEATION OF TOKAI FACILITY ATTACHMENT (A) EXCEPT TO REITERATE STRONG VIEW WE HAVE ALREADY COMMUNICATED TO IAEA THAT IT MUST IN ANY CASE RETAIN RIGHT (AND ABILITY) TO APPLY CONTINUOUS INSPECTION; AND (B) TO EXPRESS OUR EXPECTATION THAT FIRST FACILITY ATTACHMENTS FOR REPROCESSING PLANTS SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT SAFEGUARDS APPROACH HAS NOT BEEN PERFECTED AND SHOULD PERMIT IAEA MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY. AS DISCUSSED IN CASE OF SAFEGUARDS FOR TARAPUR REPROCESSING PLANT, WE WOULD EXPECT FURTHER CONSULTATION BEFORE IAEA TOOK ANY ACTION THAT EXPLICITLY EXPRESSED A FINDING THAT PARTICULAR MEASURES CONSTITUTE "ADEQUATE" SAFEGUARDS AND THAT AGENCY WOULD NOT ACT PRIOR TO SUCH CONSULTATIONS. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS IMMEDIATE UPDATE ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY AGENCY IN THIS REGARD.

6. FOR EMBASSY TOKYO: IN EVENT OF GOJ INQUIRIES, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOJ AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO REASSURE THEM OF FULL USG AWARENESS OF JAPANESE CONCERN

REGARDING OPERATION OF TOKAI REPROCESSING FACILITY.  
EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO ASSURE JAPANESE THAT CURRENT  
REAPPRAISAL OF US NUCLEAR POLICY INCLUDES RECOGNITION OF

IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS  
IMPORTANCE OF NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERNS COMPATIBLE WITH  
EXPRESSED, LONG-STANDING JAPANESE POLICY. DISCUSSION  
OF THESE ISSUES WILL OCCUR DURING VISITS OF JAPANESE  
OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON THIS MONTH, AND WILL INCLUDE DIS-  
CUSSION OF JAPANESE PROPOSAL REGARDING TOKAI FACILITY.  
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